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Claims 1-39: Cancelled

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the collaboration community are to be invited to become subscribing partners of the hosted enterprise solution.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the collaboration community are to be invited to become subscribing partners comprises determining which partners are to be invited based on a standard and open policy provided by the service provider.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein each subscribing partner is ~~of~~ one of two or more types of subscribing partners, each type of subscribing partners having different usage privilege of the hosted enterprise solution.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the collaboration community are to be allowed to become subscribing partners.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the collaboration community are to be allowed to become subscribing partners comprises determining which partners based on a standard and open policy.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98 112, wherein ~~the step of~~ generating a list of the partners that forms at least a portion of the collaboration community includes accommodating changes to how many partners comprise the collaboration community.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, wherein for one or more subscribing partners, the partner subscription fee and the cost-sharing value are different amounts.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of accounting for any partner in the collaboration community who changes its status in regards to being or not being one of the subscribing partners.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially incurred by a partner who uses the hosted enterprise solution but does not pay the partner subscription fee.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of providing different usage privileges of the hosted enterprise solution to the client, the subscribing partners and the non-subscribing partners.

Claims 52-55: (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of determining usage privileges of the hosted enterprise solution for the one or more subscribing partners based on inputs from the client.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of determining usage privileges of the hosted enterprise solution for the one or more non-subscribing partners based on inputs from the client.

Claims 58-97: Cancelled

98. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~a service provider to enable cost sharing of a host subscription fee to be incurred for by a client for the use of a hosted enterprise solution by~~

~~the client and the client's partners in a collaboration community, in which the client and its partners communicate among themselves online, where each partner is either a subscribing partner or a non-subscribing partner, the method executing an enterprise application through the use of via a network enabled system of a service provider to enable enterprise solution cost-sharing, the method perform the steps comprising:~~

identifying a hosted enterprise solution to be used by a client and a plurality of partners of the client in a collaboration community facilitating online communication among the plurality of partners and the client;

determining a cost of the host subscription fee to be incurred by the client based in part by the use on a number of users of the hosted enterprise solution, the users consisting of by all the plurality of partners and the client of the collaboration community;

determining a cost-sharing value to be applied to the host subscription fee, the cost-sharing value being determined based on applying a predetermined function to a partner subscription fee to be paid by one or more subscribing partners for the subscribing partner's use of the hosted enterprise solution as part being in the collaboration community, the value being a net saving to the host subscription fee wherein the one or more subscribing partners represent a group of partners within the plurality of partners that contribute to the host subscription fee while non-subscribing partners represent the rest of the plurality of partners that provide no contribution towards the host subscription fee and do not pay the partner subscription fee;

monitoring each subscribing partner in the portion of the collaboration community who pays a partner subscription fee for his use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the subscribing partner paying the partner subscription fee to contribute to the value being the net saving to the host subscription fee;

monitoring each non-subscribing partner in the portion of the collaboration community who does not pay a partner subscription fee for his use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the non-subscribing partner affecting the cost of host subscription fee by his use of the hosted enterprise solution while not contributing to the value; and

updating the client's host subscription fee to be incurred by the client based at least in part on using the determined cost-sharing value; and  
facilitating the use of the hosted enterprise solution by the client, the subscribing partners and the non-subscribing partners.

99. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the list of partners are not to be invited to become subscribing partners of the hosted enterprise solution.

100. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising ~~the step of~~ communicating the balance of the host subscription fee to the client over the network.

101. (Cancelled)

102. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising ~~the step of~~ tracking partners invited to become subscribing partners who decline subscriptions.

103. (Cancelled)

104. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising ~~the step of~~ generating invitations to all the partners in the list to be invited to become subscribing partners.

105. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising ~~the step of~~ tracking the host subscription fee as it is modified by the cost-sharing value contributed to by a given subscribing partner.

106. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 112, further comprising ~~the step of~~ modifying the list of the partners in the collaboration community based on inputs from the client.

107. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining usage privileges of the hosted enterprise solution of the one or more partners in its collaboration community based on inputs from the client.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software solution.

109. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a document workflow enterprise collaboration software solution.

110. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially incurred by the client for using the hosted enterprise solution.

111. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining which partners in the list of partners are not to be invited comprises determining which partners in the collaborating community are not to be invited based on a standard and open policy.

112. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, further comprising prior to determining a cost of the host subscription fee, generating a list of the partners that forms at least a portion of the collaboration community.